Claims

[c1]   A method for registering biometric information for use in a smartcard system, said method comprising:

detecting a proffered biometric at a sensor to obtain a proffered biometric sample;

verifying said proffered biometric sample; and

storing said proffered biometric sample on a database such that said system utilizes said proffered biometric sample to authorize a smartcard transaction.

[c2]   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of: detecting, associating, and processing a proffered biometric sample.

[c3]   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes logging each proffered biometric sample.

[c4]   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of detecting, associating, and processing at least one additional proffered biometric sample.

[c5]   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying a biometric sample further includes at least one of: processing, comparing, and verifying said biometric sample.

[c6]   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying in-cludes comparing a proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample.

[c7]   The method of claim 6, wherein comparing a proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample in-cludes comparing a proffered biometric sample with a biometric sample of at least one of a criminal, a terrorist, and a cardmember.

[c8]   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying in-cludes verifying a proffered biometric sample using in-formation contained on at least one of a local database, a remote database, and a third-party controlled database.

[c9]   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying in-cludes verifying a proffered biometric sample using at least one of a local CPU and a third-party security ven-dor.

[c10]   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying a biometric sample further includes facilitating the use of at least one secondary security procedure.

[c11]   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of storing a biometric sample includes storing a proffered biometric

sample on at least one of a local database, a remote database, and a third-party controlled database.